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JEAN HOEFER TOAL, Chief Justice, of Columbia. Term expires July 31, 2024. Office Address: 1231 Gervais St., P.O. Box 12456, Columbia 29211, Tel. (803) 734-1584; e-mail: jtoal@sccourts.org



TOAL, Jean Hofer (Richland Co.)—*b.* Aug. 11, 1943 in Columbia; *d.* the late Herbert W. and the late Lilla (Farrell) Hofer; *g.* Agnes Scott Coll., B.A. in Philosophy, 1965; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1968; *m.* William Thomas Toal, 2 daughters, Jean Toal Eisen and Lilla Patrick Toal Mandsager; Managing Editor, *S.C. Law Review*; Phi Beta Kappa; Mortar Bd.; Order of the Coif; Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, Univ. of S.C., 1991; Agnes

Scott Coll., Outstanding Alumnae Award, 1991; Cola. Coll., 1992; Chm., S.C. Juvenile Justice Task Force, 1992–94; John W. Williams Award, Richland Co. Bar, 1994; Jean Galloway Bissell Award, S.C. Women Lawyers Assn., 1995; Portrait Honoree, S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn., 1995; Hon. Doc. of Humane Letters, Coll. of Charleston, 1990; Hon. Doctor of Law, Columbia Coll., 1993; The Citadel, 1999; Francis Marion Univ., 1999; Univ. of S.C., 2000; Charleston Law School, 2007; Converse Coll., 2008; 2002 Govt. Technology Top 25, Doers, Dreamers & Drivers Award; ABA Margaret Brent Award, 2004; Natl. Center for State Courts Sandra Day O'Connor Award for the Advancement of Civics Educ., 2010; Lector, St. Joseph's Catholic

Church; John Belton O'Neill Inn of Court; The Amer. Law Inst.; Amer. Inns of Court Foundation; past Pres., Conf. of Chief Justices; past Chair, Bd. of Dirs., Natl. Center for State Courts; Private Law Practice, Haynsworth, Perry, Bryant, Marion & Johnstone, 1968–70; Belser, Baker, Barwick, Ravenel, Toal & Bender, 1970–88; mem.: S.C. Human Affairs Comm., 1972–74; S.C. House of Reps., 1975–88; Chm., House Rules Com., 1980–88; elected Assoc. Justice Jan. 27, 1988 to fulfill the unexpired term of George Tillman Gregory, Jr., elected Chief Justice; qualified Mar. 17, 1988; re-elected Feb. 14, 1996; elected Chief Justice June 2, 1999 to fulfill the unexpired term of Chief Justice Ernest A. Finney, Jr., retired; installed Mar. 23, 2000, serving continuously since.

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**COSTA M. PLEICONES, Associate Justice,
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PLEICONES, Costa M. (Richland Co.)—
b. 1944 in Greenville; *s.* the late Michael J. and
 Lecha Palassis Pleicones; *g.* Wofford Coll.,
 A.B., 1965; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1968; married,
 with 2 adult children; elected Judge of the
 Fifth Circuit Feb. 6, 1991–00; elected Assoc.
 Justice Feb. 9, 2000 to fulfill the unexpired
 term of Jean H. Toal, elected Chief Justice;
 qualified Mar. 23, 2000, serving continuously since.



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KITTREDGE, John Williamson (Greenville Co.)—*b.* Sept. 28, 1956 in Greenville; *s.* the late E. H. Kittredge, Jr. and Marian J. Kittredge; *g.* Univ. of S.C., B.S., *summa cum laude*, 1979, J.D., 1982; June 20, 1981 *m.* Lila Graham Hewell, 3 children, Lila Marian, Will, and Zay; Phi Beta Kappa, Order of the Coif; Order of the Wig & Robe; past Pres., Crimestoppers of

Greenville; past Chm., City of Greenville Civil Serv. Comm.; past mem., Gov.'s Com. on Criminal Justice, Crime & Delinquency; past Bd. mem. & VP, Greenville Tech. Coll. Foundation; past mem., S.C. Jt. Legis. Com. on Children; Gov.'s Juvenile Justice Task Force, 1995–98; First Presbyterian Church; elected Family Court Judge, 13th Judicial Circuit, May 8, 1991 and served continuously until elected Judge at-large, Seat 11, Feb. 14, 1996; qualified May 3, 1996; served continuously until elected Judge of the Thirteenth Circuit May 6, 1998; qualified June 9, 1998, served continuously until elected Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 3, May 28, 2003–08, served continuously until elected Assoc. Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat 3, Feb. 6, 2008; qualified May 14, 2008, serving continuously since.

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HEARN, Kaye Gorenflo (Horry Co.)—*b.* Jan. 30, 1950 in Delaware, Ohio; *d.* James F. and Kathleen (Haines) Gorenflo; *g.* Bethany Coll., B.A., *cum laude*, 1972; Univ. of S.C., J.D., *cum laude*, 1977; Univ. of Va., LL.M., 1998; Hon. Doctorate of Law, Charleston School of Law, 2010; Hon. Doctorate of Humanities,

Francis Marion Univ., 2011; Hon. Doctorate of Law, Univ. of S.C., 2013; Feb. 16, 1980 *m.* George M. Hearn, 1 child, Kathleen Wrenn; Order of the Wig and Robe; recipient, Amer. Jurisprudence Award, Conflict of Laws; Legal Writing Instructor; law clerk to the Honorable J. B. Ness, Assoc. Justice of the S.C. Supreme Court, 1977–79; private law practice, 1979–86; mem., Bd. of Bar Examiners, 1984–86; Horry Co. Family Court Judge, 1986–95; Pres., S.C. Conf. of Family Court Judges, 1992–93; S.C. Trial Lawyers Assn.’s Portrait Honoree, 2004; Pres., Council of Chief Judges of State Courts of Appeal, 2005–06; mem.: St. Anne’s Episcopal Church; elected Judge of the Court of Appeals Mar. 21, 1995–Feb. 2000; elected Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals June 2, 1999 to fulfill the unexpired term of Chief Judge William T. Howell, retired; qualified May 4, 1999; elected Assoc. Justice of the Supreme Court, Seat 4, May 13, 2009 to succeed John H. Waller, retired; qualified Jan. 1, 2010, serving continuously since.

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DONALD W. “DON” BEATTY, Associate Justice, Seat 5, of Spartanburg. Term expires July 31, 2020. Office Address: P.O. Box 3543, Spartanburg 29304, Tel. (864) 596-3450, Fax (864) 596-2202

BEATTY, Donald W. “Don” (Spartanburg Co.)—*g.* S.C. State Univ., B.A., 1974; Univ. of S.C., J.D., 1979; mem., City Council, City of Spartanburg, 1988–90; mil. serv.: Off., USA; former mem.: Piedmont Legal Servs. Bd. of Dirs.; Spartanburg Residential Dev. Corp.; Southside Neighborhoods Assn. Partnership; BB&T Adv. Bd.; BMW minority Adv. Bd./BMW



Construction Project; current mem., Sentencing Reform Comm.; House of Reps., 1991–95; past mem.: Med., Mil., Public and Municipal Affairs Com.; Jud. Com.; served as VC and Chm.-elect of the S.C. Legis. Black Caucus; Seventh Circuit Fee Dispute Resolution Com.; Sentencing Guidelines Comm.; Com. to Review S.C. Drug and Common Laws; Judge of the Seventh Circuit, 1995–03; Court of Appeals, 2003–07; elected to Supreme Court May 23, 2007 to fulfill the unexpired term

of E. C. Burnett, retired; qualified Aug. 10, 2007; re-elected Feb. 3, 2010, serving continuously since.

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